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MENAI BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year

1959

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Incorporating the Report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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MENAI BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1959.

The population has increased by 40 in comparison to the previous year, when it decreased by 60 against the 1956 figure.

The number of inhabited houses has again increased by 7, making a total of 837. The number of Council owned houses rose by 4 making a total of 172, the Rateable Value and Penny Rate rising correspondingly.

There was also an increase in the Birth Rate by 23, the highest rise since 1953, while no illegitimate birth was registered.

One Stillbirth was recorded.

The Death Rate again rose by three, yet this is lower than it was three years ago when the total figure was 42. There was again no Maternal Death, but two infants under the age of one year did die. The main causes of death in the district, (females being more prominent), was again due to Heart diseases, followed equally by strokes and cancer, the latter increased by three. There was one death recorded due to suicide.

Of the notifiable diseases, 4 cases of tuberculosis occurred, an increase of 2 compared to 1956, 1957 and 1958 - all being adults, the eldest being 72 years old. No tuberculosis was recorded amongst infants or young adults. There were fourteen cases of measles against 37 during 1958. Only one case of Scarlet Fever occurred and no case of dysentery nor pneumonia were recorded, this being much more favourable than during 1958 when 6 scarlet fevers, 5 dysentery and 1 pneumonia were recorded. Again no paratyphoid, diphtheria or poliomyelitis occurred during 1959.

The number vaccinated against smallpox increased and there was even a greater increase in the number immunised against diphtheria and whooping cough. Such a satisfactory level is due to the co-operation and foresight of parents within the district, accepting such preventative measures against these infectious diseases.

The health in general within the district was satisfactory and appreciation is felt for the excellent work and co-operation of all General Practitioners.

The Public Health Inspector's report on the sanitary condition of the district is satisfactory and he is to be complimented for industrious foresight and regular and frequent inspections. The drainage and sewage disposal arrangements and proposals are satisfactory and commendable.

In conclusion, I thank the Clerk, Public Health Inspector, other Council Officials and staff for their co-operation, and you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council for your interest.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

Arthur Jones.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	825
Population(Registrar General's estimate, mid 1959)			2050
Number of inhabited houses	.	.	837
Number of Council houses	...		172
Rateable Value	£22560
Sum produced by a penny rate	...		£85

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	20	25	45
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>45</u>
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The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 21.95. Rates for previous years were 1958: 10.9; 1957: 14.1; 1956: 17.0; 1955: 13.0. The Birth Rate for Anglesey in 1959 was 16.7; England and Wales, 16.5.

The adjusted Birth Rate for Menai Bridge was 21.95.

Stillbirths.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
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Deaths

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>32</u>
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The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 15.6. The Rate for Anglesey was 14.2; England and Wales, 11.6.

The Adjusted Death Rate for Menai Bridge for 1959 was 13.8. The adjusted rate for Anglesey was 12.6.

Maternal Deaths

Nil.

Death of Infants under One Year of Age.

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
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Both died under one month.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES).

Cause of Death	M	F
1. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-
2. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2
3. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	3
4. Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	3
5. Coronary disease, angina	4	-
6. Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
7. Other heart disease	1	4
8. Other circulatory disease	-	1
9. Influenza	-	1
10. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
11. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
12. Congenital malformations	-	1
13. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2
14. Suicide	1	-
TOTAL	13	19

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (excluding tuberculosis).

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified in age groups.

Diseases	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 & over	Age unknown
Measles	-	2	5	5	3	3	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis.

Notifications of tuberculosis were as follows :-

Age	Sex	Respiratory or Non-respiratory
27	M	Respiratory
29	F	"
58	F	"
72	M	"

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Practitioners in the district. The following figures are quoted by the courtesy of the County Medical Officer.

Vaccination against Smallpox.

A total number of 19 children were vaccinated for the first time during the year, and 7 others were re-vaccinated.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases. During 1959, 5 such vaccinations were carried out in the district.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation.

A total number of 35 children were immunised against diphtheria during the year, and 26 were immunised against whooping cough.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was taken in respect of any individual under Section 47 of this Act.

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Summary of visits and work carried out during the year.

Dwelling-houses inspected for nuisances :

(a) Number of houses visited	101
(b) Number of inspections	126
Number of drains tested with colour, water or smoke	56
Visits to work in progress	380
Interviews with owners or representatives	121
Dwelling-houses where nuisances abated	32
Visits in connection with overcrowding	5
Visits in connection with infectious diseases	10
Visits for disinfection of premises	-
Visits to premises re vermin	3
Visits to bakehouses, restaurants, cafes, canteens & hotel kitchens	51
Visits to ice-cream premises	6
Visits to fish-friers premises	6
Visits to other food-preparing premises	6
Visits re Shop Acts	3
Visits to workplaces	1
Visits re rats, mice and other infestation	66
Notices served:	
(a) Informal	50
(b) Statutory	None
Number of cases in which legal proceedings taken	-

Infectious Diseases.

Number of visits	10
Number of cases in which disinfection was carried out	None

FOOD HYGIENE.

Number of food premises by type of business (excluding registered premises).

Butchers	4
Grocers	10
Confectioners	7
Bakeries	3
Catering establishments (including cafes, restaurants, hotels)	9
Number of visits to food premises	12
Number of food premises unsatisfactory from point of view of hygiene	Nil

Preserved Food - Manufacture and Preparation.

Number of premises registered under Section 16 of Food and Drugs Act, 1955	Nil
Number of new applications	Nil
Number of visits	Nil

Ice Cream.

Number of registered premises	16
Number of new applications	2
Number of inspections	8
Number of contraventions (if any) of the Heat treatment regulations 1947 to 1952	None

Fish-Friers Premises.

Number of premises registered	2
Number of new applications	Nil
Number of visits	6

Milk.

Number of <u>Dairies</u> and <u>Distributors</u> registered under <u>Part III</u> of Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949.	8
Number of new applications	-
Number of visits to registered premises	6

Slaughterhouses.

Number in District	Nil
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Knackers Yards.

Number registered	None
Number visited	41

UN SOUND FOOD.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption (outside slaughterhouses).

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>Qtrs</u>	<u>Lb</u>
Butchers' meat (including offal)	-	-	-	-	-
Other food (including tinned food)	596	5	3	-	-

RODENT CONTROL.

All the Council properties including sewers are regularly treated and every complaint about rat infection is investigated.

WATER SUPPLY.

Number of dwelling houses supplied by public water mains :-

(a) Direct to houses	813
(b) By means of standpipes	None
Number of dwelling houses dependent on wells for their water	25
Number of wells found to be contaminated by faecal matter	None

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

- (a) The existing system is working satisfactorily.
- (b) One sewerage extension to the David Hughes Comprehensive School has been completed.
- (c) It is hoped to extend the sewerage system up Pentraeth Road to Hafod Wern, and to Gors Goch. The Council has engaged a firm of consulting engineers to advise and submit a report on the existing and future development of the sewerage system in the area.

There are 27 houses with septic tanks and 8 with dry closets.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

House and trade refuse is collected weekly and disposal is carried out on a controlled tipping method about two miles from Menai Bridge.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number registered One

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

- (1) a. Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Act). 209
- b. Number of inspections made for the purpose 262
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health, as to be unfit for human habitation. None
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 4

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices. 32

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. -

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957.

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Nil
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.
 - (a) By owners Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. Nil

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. | Nil. |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices, | |
| (a) By owners | Nil |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. | Nil |

(c) Proceedings under Section 17 & 23 of the Housing Act, 1957.

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. | Nil. |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished. | Nil |
| (3) Number of houses awaiting demolition. | Nil |
| (4) Number of houses in which undertaking accepted for use other than for human habitation. | 2 |

(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957.

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| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. | None |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. | None |

4. Housing Act, 1957 - Part III. Section 44.

Number of houses in respect of which Clearance Orders were made.	None
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Housing Act, 1957, - Part IV. Sections 76-90 - Overcrowding.

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| (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | 4 |
| (ii) Number of families dwelling therein. | 10 |
| (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein. | 30 |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. | 1 |
| (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. | 2 |
| (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases. | 9 |
| (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. | Nil |

5. Housing Act, 1957. Section 17.

Number of Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	Nil
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Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the year.

Keeping of animals	Nil
Offensive accumulations	Nil
Sanitary accommodation, insufficient	Nil
defective	38
Drainage, Reconstruction	12
Repaired	14
Cleansed	81

Cesspools and septic tanks,	abolished	1
	repaired	2
Conversions to w.c.'s.		1
Refuse receptacles		Nil
Food Stores		Nil
Water Supplies		2
Walls and ceilings		36
Floors		7
Windows and ventilation		2
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks		62
Staircases		None
Coppers (defective)		None
Dampness		38
Roofs and rainwater pipes		29
Yard paving		4
Chimneys and fireplaces		16
Miscellaneous		62

Inspections under the Factories Act, 1937 and 1948.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (3)	Inspection (4)	Number of Written Notices (5)	Occupier prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	12	15	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	12	15	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prose- cutions wer instituted (7)
	Found (3)	Reme- died (4)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperatures (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
a. Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
b. Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
c. Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	-	-

